

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

In the midst of these economic uncertainties, and surrounded by the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, Thanksgiving can be a wonderful opportunity to step back and appreciate the things that we do have. While at the Bears game this past Sunday my thoughts were captivated in the transition of seasons as the illusory summer like winds of early autumn became a cool crisp breeze, forewarning the fast approaching winter. A feeling of appreciation resonated throughout the crowd as our military unfurled a giant flag across Soldier Field. How wonderful it is to live in this great nation.

On November 11th, we paid tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who, in defense of our freedom, have bravely worn the uniforms of the United States Armed Forces. For those stationed thousands of miles away, the reality of war is before you. We thank you for the sacrifices you and your families have made and continue to make.

The Village sponsored children's Halloween Party, held on Saturday, October 25th at Village Hall was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Thanks to those volunteers who helped make it possible: Mary Crowley, Dale Strazzante, Hope Walsh, Matthew Walsh III, Cathy Walsh, Bridget Anselmo, Diane Andrews, Trustee Bermier, Trustee Coleman, Trustee Walsh, Mayor Andrews, and Joseph Consolo a/k/a "Judgie the Clown." It was great to see everyone in their costumes along with the families who were able to come out and participate in the festivities.

In addition to the Halloween party, the book sale at the Heritage Center on October 18th was also a huge success this year, helping to raise funds for continuing renovations. Thank you to Jane Kuhn and all of the volunteers for their tireless effort in preserving this historic home. We are deeply thankful to the residents for your ongoing patience in repairing this historical part of Indian Head Park. At the present, the Heritage Center's facade does not match the beauty that lies within its walls. The long awaited roof work has already begun and with your continued support, we will see the splendor in its entirety.

Located outside the driveway of the Heritage Center is the new temporary cross walk allowing children, under the supervision of a crossing guard to safely cross Wolf Road which appears to be working well. As this is an immense hurdle to overcome, LaGrange Highlands School District 106

and the Township of Lyons will continue discussions as how to reach a final resolution with respect to a permanent sidewalk in the county owned right-of-way on the west side of Wolf Road from Hiawatha to Plainfield Road. In the meantime, we remind residents to use caution when driving past this temporary crossing, being mindful that children will be using this cross walk to and from school!

Speaking of the winter fast approaching, there is still a shortage of road salt throughout the Chicagoland area, as prices of road salt have skyrocketed, tripling over the past year.

Due to the fact that many municipalities are struggling to attain these limited resources, our long term supplier has been able to promise us only a portion of our usual annual need.

As a result of these difficult conditions, the Village will have to find ways in which to make the best of the situation. Please use caution when driving as the icy conditions may be worse than what we have come to expect from our Public Works Department. Keep in mind that this problem exists throughout Northeast Illinois so be aware of the potential slippery conditions when driving this winter.

As a final reminder, the Fall Leaf Pick-up program is in full gear. You can go online or watch local cable channel 6 to see the established schedule for your street. Please remember that the program is designated for leaves only. Branches, garden waste, grass clippings and/or other debris impede the process as well as damage the machinery.

Congratulations to Pat Rogers on his recent election to the 4th Judicial Sub-Circuit of the Cook County Court. We will miss his enormous public service as Supervisor for Lyons Township and as our Prosecuting Attorney. To our public officials who have proven a tireless commitment to serve the residents of Illinois, congratulations on your re-election: Illinois 3rd Congressional District Congressman Dan Lipinski, Illinois House Representative Jim Durkin, and Illinois State Senator Christine Radogno.

Moving forward, on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees we are truly appreciative of your support as we serve you and wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and warm wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Trustee Deborah Anselmo

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:
Thursday, December 4, 2008

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:
Tuesday, December 2, 2008

E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:
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Aging Well News....

The Aging Well Initiative invites you to attend needs of the elderly hearings. The program will be hosted at the Township of Lyons Offices at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside on Friday, December 5th at 9:00 a.m. The topics to be discussed include: what issues are important to you, what you need to plan for your future and what resources and choices are important to you and your family. Also, we would like to thank Mary Crowley, from the Village of Indian Head Park, who has graciously volunteered to serve as the Village's representative to Aging Well. Please contact Mary at the Village Offices at (708) 246-3137, if you have any questions with regard to upcoming senior programs.



Smoke Signals

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Pleasantdale Garden Club

The Pleasantdale Garden Club is a medium sized club whose main purpose is to promote the interests of gardening, conservation, environmental and related issues. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month, September thru May offering a variety of speakers and programs for members and guests to enjoy. The Pleasantdale Garden Club awards a scholarship each year to a local student studying Horticulture, Botany or Environmental issues. Anyone interested in joining the club may attend one of the meetings or contact Alison Koehler at (630) 662-8061 for further details.

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— Turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.

— If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might

have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.

If your car has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), keep your foot on the pedal. If not, pump the pedal gently, pumping more rapidly as your car slows down. Braking hard with non-anti-lock brakes will make the skid worse.

If your front wheels skid:

Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.

As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch, and accelerate gently.

To avoid skids, brake carefully and gently on snow or ice. "Squeeze" your brakes in slow, steady strokes. Allow the wheels to keep rolling. If they start to lock up, ease off the brake pedal. As you slow down, you may also want to shift into a lower gear. When sleet, freezing rain or snow start to fall, remember that bridges, ramps, and overpasses are likely to freeze first. Also be aware that slippery spots may still remain after road crews have cleared the roadways.



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TEEPEE TOPICS

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park on their academic achievements! Elena Telebak and Deborah Warf were named to the academic honors list at the College of DuPage. Katherine Bailey was named to the honor roll at Fenwick High School.

The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging will be hosting a program entitled "Take Charge of Your Health" for people managing chronic illnesses. The program will be held on Mondays through December 10, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Center on Aging located at 111 West Harris Avenue in LaGrange. The topics covered in this series are: coping with fatigue; frustration, pain and isolation that may be related to on-going health conditions; exercising to maintain and improve strength, flexibility and endurance; using medications; communicating with family, friends and health professionals; practicing good nutrition and evaluating new treatment options. Registration is required to participate in this program and space is limited. Please call (708) 354-1323 to register or for further details.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following who recently passed away: Eleanor Liska, a resident of Indian Head Park and formerly of Berwyn. Anthony Batina D.D.S., age 84, of Indian Head Park. Anthony was a dentist for forty-

five years, he was a past president of the DeSalle Alumni Association, a volunteer policeman for Indian Head Park and a U.S. Army Veteran who served during World War II. Professor Robert Beck, age 80 who was a resident of Indian Head Park for over 30 years, passed away in August from myelodysplasia, a form of leukemia. Professor Beck was a pioneer in nuclear medicine and professor emeritus in the Department of Radiology at the University of Chicago. Professor Beck was a key member of a University of Chicago research team that was one of the first to investigate several of the tools of modern nuclear medicine. In 1977 Professor Beck was named Director of the University of Chicago's Franklin McLean Memorial Research Institute, which replaced the Argonne Cancer Research Hospital. In 1986 he founded and became Director of the Center for Imaging Science, designed to pull together the many disciplines at the University and Argonne National Laboratory. Ruth Prusha, a long-time resident of Indian Head Park recently passed away. Ruth served as Recording Secretary to the Village Board during the 1980's, she was one of the early settlers to the Acacia Townhome Development and she enjoyed gardening as well as the Acacia Bridge Club.

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